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- (c) the appliance is repaired by unauthorized persons or unauthorized institutions,
- (d) the appliance shows mechanical damages of any kind.

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Preface

You have just bought a high-quality product that will considerably enhance the possibilities of your Commodore AMIGA. The KCS POWER PC BOARD provides your AMIGA with an extra 1 megabyte of RAM (although some AMIGA configurations will only be able to access an extra 512 kilobytes of RAM). The KCS BOARD will also give owners of an AMIGA 500 and 600 access to an internal hardware clock.

The KCS POWER PC BOARD converts your AMIGA into an almost completely IBM-PC XT (TM) compatible computer, allowing full use of printer and serial port, mouse, one or two joysticks and internal and external floppy and hard-disk drives (1). TurboBoards and Flicker Fixers are also supported. Nearly all PC-DOS software is supported by the KCS POWER PC BOARD. To illustrate: this manual is written with an AMIGA 2000 using the well-known PC program Wordperfect 5.1.

We realise you want to get going with the KCS POWER PC BOARD as soon as possible. Nevertheless, please take over its own heels. Step by step this manual makes clear how to install and use the KCS POWER PC BOARD quickly and correctly. So please don't experiment; read the manual!

This manual describes the installation and use of the KCS POWER PC BOARD for different types of AMIGA computers. Please note that references in the manual to "AMIGA 2xxx" and "AMIGA 3xxx" refer to models such as the AMIGA 2000 and 2500, and the AMIGA 3000 respectively.

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1. Unpacking and installing the PC BOARD

1.1 Unpacking

Check the contents of the package, it should include:

1. The hardware emulator, consisting of a printed circuit board holding various electronic components. (The hardware emulator included in the version for AMIGA Box models is situated in a plastic housing and connected by a flat cable to a special fitting adaptor).
2. One 3.5 inch floppy disk with the text "KCS POWER PC BOARD (AMIGA)" written on it. The write-protection on this disk has been cut out (the slide switch usually found in the corner of the diskette). Therefore, the diskette is readable, but write-protected.
3. KCS manual including warranty registration card.
4. If you purchased the POWER PC BOARD including the MS-DOS Operating System:
 - One or more MS-DOS system disks
 - One or more MS-DOS manuals

If one of these items is missing, contact your dealer to complete or replace these items. To install the KCS POWER PC BOARD in an AMIGA 2000/3000, you additionally need the KCS adapter card.

References in the manual to MS-DOS refer to the PC operating system, which may have been supplied with the PC BOARD, or one purchased separately.

Although MS-DOS 5.0 is specifically mentioned in this manual, you do not have to use this operating system. For example, a popular alternative is DR-DOS. However, the manual refers throughout to MS-DOS, so this is, as we write, the best known and most widely used operating system for IBM compatible computers.

1.2 Copying the supplied floppy disk(s)

The diskette "KCS POWER PC BOARD (AMIGA)" is supplied with the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Note that the KCS POWER BOARD can't operate without the software on this diskette, therefore, make a working copy of this diskette first.

Put away the original diskette safely and use the working copy during the following installation procedure and for use thereafter. Copying the "KCS POWER PC BOARD" floppy disk is explained in your AMIGA user's manual (copying can be done with "DUPLICATE" of the Workbench or with a copy program).

Floppy disks intended to be used for PC purposes, cannot be copied in the AMIGA mode at your computer, unless you have some special purpose copying software. This applies e.g. for the MS-DOS Operating System disks (only included if specifically ordered). You can, of course, copy those disks in the PC mode of the KCS POWER PC BOARD. For this, consult the MS-DOS manual (only included if you purchased the MS-DOS operating system).

1.3 Installation of the KCS POWER PC BOARD

Your guaranty number is written on a sticker attached to the KCS POWER PC BOARD. This number has to be written on the included warranty registration card. If you don't return a properly filled in registration card, you are not entitled to future updates of the package. Installing the KCS POWER PC BOARD hides the sticker. So fill in your registration card immediately to avoid any problems afterwards.

Caution: Make sure that before and during installation the KCS POWER BOARD is not placed on any metal surface and avoid excessive contact with your fingers. This can damage the components on the board. Furthermore the clock, if available, can be discharged partially, shortening the life-span considerably. It is wise to take hold of the KCS POWER PC BOARD on the sides. If you are using an adapter, make sure the gold contacts on both sides are clean. If necessary, remove any dust from the expansion slot of your AMIGA with a brush.

Installation in an AMIGA 500

Turn off the power and disconnect all cables. Turn the AMIGA upside down and make sure the back of the computer is in front of you. A cover about 8 by 11 centimetres in size is now clearly visible. This cover can be opened using a screwdriver or a coin. The compartment under this cover is specifically designed for hardware expansions like the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Opening the cover does not affect the warranty conditions of your AMIGA. The hardware expansion is already in this compartment, remove this before installing the KCS POWER PC BOARD.

The actual emulator is situated in the plastic housing from which a flat cable emerges. You will see a small printed circuit board at the tip of this cable. You have to plug this printed circuit board into the connector of your AMIGA. The printed circuit board only fits in one way. You can plug the printed circuit board in firmly with moderate force. You will not need the cover any more, as the KCS POWER PC BOARD is now connected to the AMIGA. Keep the cover in a safe place.

Caution: The flat cable between the printed circuit board and the actual emulator is only a few centimetres long. Therefore, it is inadvisable for your AMIGA rests on top of the emulator. Included with your KCS POWER PC BOARD you will find two plastic housing boxes, that you can stick to the bottom of your AMIGA with the supplied adhesive tape. As your AMIGA is now resting on the two plastic housing boxes, the emulator now fits neatly under your computer. You can not replace the emulator cable by a longer cable. The KCS POWER PC BOARD would not function.

Turn back the AMIGA and plug in all cables. The KCS POWER PC BOARD is now installed and ready to be used.

Installation in an AMIGA 500 or 500 Plus

Turn off the power and disconnect all cables. Turn the AMIGA upside down and make sure the back of the computer is in front of you. A cover about 10 by 15 centimetres in size is now clearly visible. This cover can be opened using a screwdriver or a coin. The compartment under this cover is specifically designed for hardware expansions like the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Opening the cover does not affect the warranty conditions of your AMIGA. The hardware expansion is already in this compartment, remove this before installing the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Only one expansion fits in the compartment at a time. Take the KCS POWER PC BOARD and turn it until the electronic parts are facing down and the connector is on the left side. Place the KCS POWER PC BOARD in the expansion slot compartment and push it gently to the left, so that the connector on the printed circuit board of the AMIGA and that of the KCS POWER PC BOARD are pushed against each other.

Caution: The KCS POWER PC BOARD connector is longer than the connector on the AMIGA printed circuit board. Take care that on the side of your computer where normally the cables are plugged in (you previously disconnected them), the tips of both connectors exactly link up. After installation, the longer KCS POWER PC BOARD connector will stick out on the keyboard side of your AMIGA.

Take care that the KCS POWER PC BOARD stays horizontal and close both connectors together. Usually you have to use some force; be sure that the connectors fit together properly. Bending the pins is not very likely, but is nevertheless not impossible. Be sure the board is not installed out of position. Close the cover again. Be careful on the inside of the cover exactly fit in the two holes in the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Turn back the AMIGA and plug in all cables. The KCS POWER PC BOARD is now installed and ready to be used.

To install the KCS POWER PC BOARD in one of those AMIGA models, you need an additional KCS adaptor card. This card is not included, so you have to purchase it separately.

Firstly, the KCS POWER PC BOARD has to be connected to the adaptor card. For that purpose place the adaptor card and the KCS POWER PC BOARD side by side, components on top. Now the two printed circuit boards fit like two pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. The black KCS BOARD connector exactly fits the gold coloured connector of the adaptor. Press both parts firmly together. Usually you have to use some force; be sure that the connectors fit together properly. Bending the pins is not very likely, but nevertheless not impossible. Be sure the board is not installed out of position.

Caution! To fit both the KCS POWER PC BOARD and the adaptor card in your AMIGA, you have to open the computer. If the warranty period of your AMIGA is still valid, it is possible that this will expire your warranty. To be sure refer to your AMIGA manual.

Turn off the power and disconnect cables. Only remove the necessary screws to open the system unit case. Carefully open your AMIGA. Do not touch the parts inside the computer.

In the AMIGA several expansion slots are available to be used by hardware expansions like the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Find one that is empty. If necessary refer to your AMIGA manual to find out which slots can be used by AMIGA hardware expansions.

There is only one way to fit the KCS POWER PC BOARD together with the adaptor card into the chosen slot. Press the card firmly into the slot until both KCS BOARD and adaptor tightly fit. Take care that the adaptor is not placed out of position. Then close the computer case, tighten the screws and reconnect the cables. Now the KCS POWER PC BOARD is installed and ready to be used.

2. Configuration of the KCS POWER PC BOARD

If you do not have a hard disk, insert your working copy of the included "KCS POWER PC BOARD [AMIGA]" disk in the disk drive and then turn on (or reset) the computer. The files on this disk will be used to start or boot the computer. If you do have a hard disk, and you want to install the emulator software to it, open up your AMIGA from the hard disk and then insert your working copy of the "KCS POWER PC BOARD [AMIGA]" disk.

Caution! If your AMIGA does not start (the screen remains empty), or if the power light starts to flash, the KCS POWER PC BOARD is probably not correctly installed. Re-read the installation procedure, and check that the connectors are fitted firmly.

The monitor screen now shows an icon of the inserted floppy disk. Click the mouse twice on that icon to reveal the programs on the disk. The next paragraph describes the various programs.

2.1 PC UTILITIES

You start up this program by clicking the mouse twice on this icon. PC UTILITIES proper is on PC disk, which contains a number of utility programs to be used in the PC mode of the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Have a floppy disk ready; it may be empty or even unformatted. Wait until the program is finished and put aside the prepared disk. You will find the description of the programs on this disk in § 4.3.

2.2 INSTALL

You start up this program by clicking the mouse twice on this icon. This program installs the KCS disk (only in an AMIGA 500 and 800) and the KCS PAMdisk (only in AMIGA 500, 512 kilobyte Chip-RAM mode). INSTALL also allows you to choose between installation on harddisk (the INSTALL program copies only the necessary programs to your harddisk) and installation on floppy disk. In the latter case INSTALL changes the Start-up Sequence on the copy of the "KCS POWER PC BOARD [AMIGA]" disk. That means that your computer after booting from this disk immediately starts in the PC mode. However, if you hold down the left mouse button during booting, the Workbench program will be started up.

INSTALL automatically takes into account extra memory and / or a TurboBoard connected to your AMIGA.

2.3 The Emulator Software

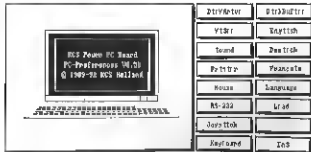
The emulator software is on the KCS POWER PC BOARD diskette (hidden to the Workbench). You can install this emulator to hard disk by using the program INSTALL. If you don't have a hard disk, INSTALL will prepare a first-booting floppy disk to start the emulator directly to the PC mode. (While starting up the diskette you can keep the left mouse button pressed in the Workbench will then appear instead of the emulator). By clicking the mouse twice on the emulator icon, you open this drawer, where you find the following programs:

2.4 HD-SETUP

You start up the program by clicking the mouse twice on this icon. HD-SETUP originates from a hard disk for a real PC hard disk. The range of HD-SETUP will be explained in § 3.3. If you install the emulator to hard disk using INSTALL, you will find this program in the POWER-PC drawer of your hard disk.

2.5 PC-PREFERENCES

You start up this program by clicking the mouse twice on this icon. The PC-PREFERENCES program makes it possible for you to adjust the default behavior of the KCS POWER PC BOARD. If you install the emulator to hard disk using INSTALL, you will find the program in the POWER-PC drawer of your hard disk. If you prepared a first-booting floppy disk, you will find this program on this disk. The settings you have chosen are stored in a file called PC-PREFS in the directory of your hard disk or floppy disk respectively.



PC-PREFERENCES

This main menu of the configuration program is shown on your monitor screen after starting up this program. On the right-hand side you will see sixteen blocks that give access to the program. The complete screen is as follows - (Illustration may vary)

By clicking the mouse on the labeled boxes, you activate the various functions described hereafter.

Language

Using the "Language" option, you can choose the language of the PC-PREFERENCES program. Click on this option to call up a view of the available languages. Use your mouse to select the chosen language on the left-hand side of the screen. You can also choose directly one of the boxes with "English", "Dutch" or "French".

Floppy disk drives

This option allows you to reinitialize the characteristics of at most four floppy disk drives in the PC mode. The default settings will be reinitialized in most cases, or try other settings before you change them.

The option "Drive Connection" allows you to determine how the various disk drives of your AMIGA will be designated in the PC mode. MS-DOS always uses letters to define disk drives, for instance A: instead of DF0:, and B: instead of DF1:. If you have only one drive (DF0), then there is no choice but to give it the letter A: (with DF0) in the box. If you have two or more drives, then you can choose which drive to give which letter.

MS-DOS 5.0 defines disk drives differently. If you are planning on using MS-DOS 5.0, click the mouse on the "DOS 5" box. Changing settings is done by clicking the mouse indicator on the appropriate box. If the setting is reported by a numerical value, then this value can be increased by clicking on the right-hand side of the box. Decreasing can be done by doing the same on the left-hand side.

The RAM connection option allows you to switch on or off the disk buffers at disk drives (see table 12).

The values of the *initializing time*, *heads settle time* and *Who controls?* are pre-set. Changing those settings will have no effect. The program offers the following values:

Initializing time 512 ms

Head settle time 15 ms

Who controls? AMIGA

Only changing the Step time has any effect. If during normal use under PC mode a disk drive occasionally reports "drive not ready", it is worth trying to increase the Step time. The Step time default value is 3 ms for 3 1/2 inch disk drives and 6 ms for 5 1/4 inch disk drives.

The *Drive Type* option makes it possible to install a 3 1/2 inch or a 5 1/4 inch disk. We assume that a 5 1/4 inch drive needs 40 front disk. In case you have a 5 1/4 inch 80 tracks drive that is not overwritten to 40 tracks, then answer *Doublestep* with YES. If you can use a hardware switch or if the drive has 40 tracks, answer *Doublestep* with NO. We advise you to switch the 5 1/4 inch drive into the 80 tracks mode and answer YES to the question *Doublestep*. In that case you don't have to keep using the track switch in AMIGA mode.

Video

- Card emulation

Choosing the *Box Card Emulation* shows you which graphics card is simulated by the KCS POWER PC BOARD in PC mode. Version 4.50 of this software simulates various graphics cards. Choose the graphics emulation you expect to be using most. If you choose the largest emulation

(VGA/MCGA/MGA/TANDY), you can always switch back to all other emulations (like CGA or MGA) in the PC mode. However, if you choose CGA or MGA in PC-PREFERENCES, you can no longer switch to the EGA and VGA emulations in the PC mode.

If you don't choose the VGA/MCGA/MGA/TANDY emulation (for example you choose the CGA emulation), more work memory will be available to you in the PC mode. You will then have 704 as opposed to 640 kilobytes of work memory. Also, another 32 kilobytes are reserved for the XMS, EMS and Ram disk drivers. (For usage of these drivers, see 4.3). Click again on video to return to the main video menu.

- Number of VGA colours

The option *Number of VGA colours* allows you to set the number of colours the KCS POWER PC BOARD usually handles. In the 16 colour mode (complete VGA support), the emulator will operate noticeably slower than in the 8 or 4 colour mode. Choose 16 colours (support at all colours, loss of speed), 8 colours (support frequently used colours, more speed), 4 colours (almost no loss of speed). It is possible to change between 4, 8 or 16 colour mode while in the PC mode, via the AMIGA-help menu (see 4.4.2).

- Interlase

Some VGA + MGA graphic modes may perform adequately if your AMIGA operates in the *Interlase* mode. In this mode, the AMIGA has a higher scan resolution, with the disadvantage of an annoying flickering of the screen. Only a hardware Flicker Fixer and a Multi-Sync monitor can cure this completely. At the moment only an AMIGA 3000 is equipped with a Flicker Fixer. If you set *Interlase* to NO, then the AMIGA in PC mode will only operate in the *Interlase* mode when necessary. If *Interlase* is set to YES, then the AMIGA in PC mode will always operate in the *Interlase* mode. The latter is often necessary when sending the screen signal of your AMIGA to a video recorder. To suppress flickering, you have a software Flicker Fixer or your display. You can start this up with the special key combinations (see 4.3 - Keys). By using the software Flicker Fixer the screen quality will deteriorate, especially in text modes. Therefore, avoid using the *Interlase* modes (that is all modes with a vertical resolution of more than 200 screen lines; you will find a table of all modes at the bottom of the manual).

- Status line

A status line appears at the bottom of the screen in the PC mode. You can define whether you want that line on or not, with *Statusline*.

- MGA colours

Normally MGA does not support any colours, but supports various modes of a pixel, e.g. 'off', 'standard' or 'highlighted'. If you have a colour screen, then AMGA colours allows you to assign different colours to the various pixel modes. Colour 16 stands for the screen background, colour 17 stands for the colour of the standard character and colour 18 stands for the highlighted character.

- Character height

Character height indicates the number of pixels used to build up a character in vertical direction. You can choose between 8 or 9 pixels. A height of 9 will produce a well-formed character, but the height of 8 will result in a slightly higher speed.

- Char flash rate

In the MGA text mode, characters can be displayed flashing. *Char flash rate* indicates the period between two flashes. A higher value results in slower flashing and a lower value results in faster flashing. In the colour text mode the flashing characters are displayed highlighted.

- Cursor flash rate 1-2

In PC mode the screen cursor flash rate can be set to two values. *Cursor flashrate 1-2* allows you to set the period of both the two flashing rates. Move the slider on the screen with the mouse to set the period rate (and thereby the speed). Again a high value (mouse slide to the right) means low speed and a low value (mouse slide to the left) means high speed.

- Sound

A standard PC has an internal speaker and has limited sound possibilities. Cards like the AD18 or the SOUNDBLASTER card enable PCs to use spatial sound effects. The KCS POWER PC BOARD emulates these PC sound cards. The AD18 card produces an analogue sound comparable to one standard AMIGA sound channel.

The SOUNDBLASTER operates in the same way as the AD18 card, but offers a number of digital channels. More and more PC software supports these sound cards. You will find applications of the AD18 and SOUNDBLASTER emulations in the following:

- Games

Many PC games use AD18 or SOUNDBLASTER to produce a better sound than possible on standard PCs.

- Music programs

Current PC software allows you to prepare and play music files in the PC mode. The Public Domain program TRAK can allow you to use music files from

AMIGA programs, such as MSD or PRDTRACKER in the PC mode. If you will have to copy the so-called MOD files from an AMIGA diskette to a PC diskette. This is possible with Public Domain programs, such as ManyDOS or MinDOS.

You can choose from the following options by clicking the mouse on the left side of the screen.

- PC Sound: Standard PC sound in the PC mode
- PC Sound + ADLIB: Standard PC sound + emulations of an ADLIB card
- PC Sound + SOUNDBLASTER: Standard PC sound + emulations of a SOUNDBLASTER + ADLIB

Sound in the PC mode is audible through the AMIGA sound channels. The standard PC sound always comes through the left channel; SOUNDBLASTER - digital sound always through the right; and ADLIB and SOUNDBLASTER analog sound can come through both left and right channels. The SOUNDBLASTER emulation operates as a standard PC SOUNDBLASTER which is connected to address 220 with IRQ7. (Some PCs need this information).

The emulation of a SOUNDBLASTER needs a lot of RAM memory. Therefore, the emulation will only work if you have at least 1 megabyte free FastRAM available. This refers to RAM memory in your AMIGA before installation of the KCS POWER PC BOARD which is not in use as Chip-ram.

Printer

- Printer port

You can connect a parallel printer to the AMIGA printer port. With Printer port you can define whether you do or do not want to make use of this in the PC mode. Of course your printer has to be connected to the AMIGA printer port. A PC can support up to three printer ports indicated as LPT1, LPT2, and LPT3. Usually LPT1 is used. *Printer port* makes it possible to indicate whether you want to use LPT1 or not in the PC mode.

- Reset command

During start up, a PC sends a reset signal to the available printer ports to return the connected printers to their original settings. Just as if would be if the power was turned on. In the *Reset command* box a printer control code can be stored. This means that after a reset, the printer comes out of that command. Eg. a form feed after resetting. An overview of the printer control codes can be found in the manual of your printer.

Mouse

- AMIGA port

AMIGA port makes it possible to indicate to which port JOY1, JOY2 or no port the mouse is connected. Usually the mouse is connected to JOY1.

- Mouse emulation

In the PC mode the AMIGA mouse operates as a regular Microsoft or Mouse Systems PC-Mouse. Mouse emulation is set to 'antennaria', you can not change this setting.

- PC port

In the *PC port* box you can set up how the PC emulator can recognise the AMIGA mouse. We advise you to fill in COM2. Meaning that the PC emulator will recognise the mouse as a regular PC mouse, connected to the port COM2. Apart from that the standard serial port (RS232) available on your AMIGA will be recognised as COM1. It is possible to connect an additional modem or serial printer, so you can now choose both in the AMIGA mode and the PC mode. As this we could check, under PC mode the port can handle a maximum of 38.400 baud on an AMIGA 500. In general, maximum baud rate will be dependent on the used software or modem.

RS-232

Your AMIGA has a standard RS-232 communication port. You can connect, for example, a modem or serial printer to this port. In PC mode, this port will be assigned the name COM1 or COM2. We advise you not to change the standard setting (COM1).

Joystick

If your AMIGA has a joystick, it usually is connected to port JOY2 of your AMIGA. In the 'Joy stick A' box you can indicate to which port your joystick is connected. If a second joystick is connected to port JOY1 (to which usually the AMIGA mouse is connected), then you can indicate that in the 'Joy stick B' box. If no joystick is connected, indicate this by (-).

Note: A regular AMIGA joystick uses small switches built into the joystick. In the PC environment a different type of joystick is used, namely the 'envelope' type. Because of this, problems may be encountered using some programs with the joystick.

Keyboard

With Keyboard you can control the speed of the key repeat function.

- Delay time

Delay time is the time a key has to be pressed before the key starts to repeat. (To short a delay time causes several characters to be displayed on the screen, even if you think you hit the key once.)

• Repeat time

The Repeat time is the period between the appearances of the successive characters during the repeat function. A short repeat time will result in a great number of identical characters even if the key is pressed only for a short period.

Disk Buffer

A disk buffer is a reserved part of RAM memory, used to store disk drive information. On repeated reading of a floppy diskette, the emulator will retrieve information from the buffer memory as opposed to from the diskette. This enables the computer to read data from the diskette. This principle synchronizes the working of the disk drives and lengthens the life span of both the diskette and disk drive. The PC-PREFERENCE program calculates a value for the disk buffer size. You can change this default value with the two editors. The number after the term 'Buffer Size' indicates how many kilobytes RAM memory you reserve as disk buffer.

The disk buffer function has no effect on the amount of work memory available in the PC mode. The disk buffer memory does unfortunately affect the amount of EXTERNAL memory that is available in the PC mode so Ram disk or EMS. Only one disk can be buffered for an AMIGA without extra memory (besides the memory of the KCS POWER PC BOARD). Disk drives that are not made according to Commodore specifications can cause problems in combination with a disk buffer. Such disk drives do not have 'diskchange' implemented. Therefore, the computer can not detect when you put a different diskette in the drive. In this case, you will, for example, be shown the wrong directory when using the PC command DIR. Switch the RAM connection pin for such drives.

End

If you are sure all settings are correct, then the configuration program can be ended by clicking in the 'END' box. All settings will be stored in the file PC-PREFS in the c:\ directory of the start-up disk. So the next time, after opening the simulation program and loading the Operating System, you have a completely customized PC at your disposal.

3. THE KCS POWER PC BOARD in the AMIGA mode

The KCS POWER PC BOARD contains 1 megabyte RAM memory and a real-time clock. Some versions of the KCS POWER PC BOARD are not equipped with a clock. Specifically the 500 Plus version of the board. In most cases, a number of control programs have to be copied to your (start-up) Workbench disk or the harddisk, to enable you to use this extra hardware. You also have to adapt the start-up sequence on the Workbench disk or the harddisk, in order to run these programs during a start-up. Copying the possible control programs and adapting the start-up sequence to be done automatically by the INSTALL program on the included disk.

3.1 Extra RAM memory

The KCS POWER PC BOARD contains 1 megabyte RAM memory. In the AMIGA mode the expansion memory can be used as described in following paragraphs.

AMIGA 500

The KCS POWER PC BOARD offers your AMIGA 500 an extra 512 kilobytes of RAM. Depending on the AGNUS chip in your AMIGA, this 512 kilobytes is either used as Chip RAM or Fast RAM. If the 512 kilobytes is not defined as Chip RAM, then you will also have a 512 kilobyte Pbm disk (PMD) at your disposal. The INSTALL program detects which AGNUS chip is housed in your AMIGA. If the option 'Install RAM disk does not appear on the INSTALL menu then your AMIGA cannot use the PAM disk. Using the Workbench program NoEstMem, you can disable the extra Est RAM until the next reset.

AMIGA 500 Plus / 600

Your AMIGA comes with 1 megabyte of Chip RAM as standard. The KCS POWER PC BOARD provides an extra 1 megabyte of Chip RAM, making a total of 2 megabytes of Chip RAM. The expansion memory is totally autoconfig. The AMIGA 600 is also provided with an internal hardware clock.

AMIGA 2xxx/3xxx

Your AMIGA will get 1 megabyte extra Fast RAM. To accomplish this, the program KSCONFIGMEM has to activate the extra Fast RAM during every start-up. The included INSTALL program adapts the Start-up Sequence on the start-up disk, so KSCONFIGMEM runs automatically. Using the Workbench program NoEstMem, you can disable the Fast RAM.

Note: If your AMIGA has already available 8 megabyte Fast RAM, then the memory on the KCS POWER PC BOARD can not be fully utilized. In this case, the KCS POWER PC BOARD supplies a maximum of 512 kilobyte extra RAM.

3.2 The hardware clock

AMIGA 500 Plus/2000/3000

A clock in your AMIGA is standard, as you can't use an external clock on the KCS POWER PC BOARD. In the PC mode the KCS POWER PC BOARD uses the hardware clock in your AMIGA. See also § 4.2.

AMIGA 500 and 600

Your AMIGA has no standard clock. The KCS POWER PC BOARD offers a hardware clock especially for these AMIGA models. The program INSTALL (fd 2.2) covers the complete installation of the clock. The following text is therefore only meant as extra information to the experienced user.

The program PCCLOCK operates the hardware clock. PCCLOCK replaces the regular SETCLOCK, supplied by Commodore, on the Workbench disk.

If you should ever use SETCLOCK (Commodore) instead of PCCLOCK, the next error messages can be expected:

'BATTERY BACKED UP CLOCK NOT FOUND'

or

'<INVALID> <INVALID> <INVALID>'

Automatic use of PCCLOCK

The installation program INSTALL (fd 2.2) takes care of the complete installation of the clock. INSTALL copies the PCCLOCK program to your start up disk and adapts the start up sequence so that PCCLOCK runs after a reboot. The option 'Set time and date' allows you to relay the correct time and date to the hardware clock. The correct time and date is always stored in the hardware clock, thanks to the battery on the KCS POWER PC BOARD.

Manual use of PCCLOCK

The command DATE on your Workbench disk allows you to set the correct time and date of your AMIGA software clock. By typing 'PCCLOCK OPT SAVE' you relay the time and date to the hardware clock on the KCS POWER PC BOARD. From now on the hardware clock will always have the correct time and date, even after switching off the AMIGA. By typing 'PCCLOCK' after switching on the AMIGA, you can read the time and date of the hardware clock on the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Therefore it is logical to incorporate the line 'PCCLOCK' to the start up sequence on your start up disk.

3.3 Using a harddisk with the KCS POWER PC BOARD

Before you can use the harddisk in the PC mode of the KCS POWER PC BOARD, the harddisk has to be divided into two or more partitions. This is best done with the software that came with the harddisk. The KCS POWER PC BOARD will use one of those partitions as dedicated harddisk. Usually the harddisk controller manual will explain how to make a PC partition. This does, however, refer to PC partitions for the so-called BridgeBoard. All references to the BridgeBoard in your harddisk controller manual should therefore be ignored.

Caution! Adding or deleting partitions on the harddisk will make all information on that harddisk disappear. So first copy all programs on the harddisk you want to keep. Once the extra partition is made, the programs can be copied back to the harddisk.

Complete installation also by step:

- Step 1** If you want to use an existing AMIGA partition on your harddisk, continue with step 4.
- Step 2** Prepare in addition to one or more AMIGA partitions an extra partition on your harddisk using the software that came along with the harddisk and name this partition 'KCS'. You can determine the size of the partition used by the PC mode yourself.
- Step 3** Format only the AMIGA partition(s) and give those a name. If you made a back-up, copy it back to the AMIGA partition. If you didn't make a back-up, install or copy the Workbench to the AMIGA partition. Once you have succeeded in doing this, reformat the harddisk. On the Workbench screen, both partitions will appear as an icon. Now install the KCS software to your harddisk, as described in § 2.2.
- Step 4** Use the accompanying program HD-Setup in the Power-PC drawer of your harddisk to prepare the harddisk for use.

On screen a list of harddisk controllers will be displayed. Refer to your controller manual to find out which controller is yours. Then choose the right type with the mouse. Also choose the partition you want to be used by PC mode. (When you have prepared a partition, but you can't find it in the HD-SETUP screen (top right), you have to 'mount' the partition. Refer to your harddisk controller manual. If you can't find the UNIT number at the bottom right of the screen, the emulator will automatically use Unit number 0. For this, your harddisk has to be set to 0, which will generally be the case. Refer to your harddisk controller manual). End the HD-SETUP program by 'Save + Exit' to store the settings.

Controller Type	Partition	Start	Stop	Size
Rootdisk (HD0)	0H0	933	1315	128
Rootdisk (HD0)	0H1	1	933	39K

SCSI ID	
1	2

SCSI ID	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

First Harddisk controller partition top PC

HD-SETUP

From now on the PC will check after start-up if the PC system disk is inserted in drive A.. If not, the PC will automatically start from the harddisk. In the AMIGA mode, the PC partition will be displayed as a icon on the Workbench screen. For it is impossible to activate it. If you think this icon is annoying, 'unmount' it using the software, removing the harddisk controller. To the AMIGA it will appear invisible, but the KCS POWER PC BOARD still recognizes it. Refer to the manual of the controller.

Crucial! If you change anything in the partition grouping of the harddisk, you must use HD-SETUP again to relay the new grouping to the emulator software. You also have to reformat the PC part of the harddisk. If you don't do this, the emulator won't use the harddisk correctly, which can cause data loss.

Step 5 You can start the emulator by clicking on the POWER PC BOARD icon. After a few seconds the emulator will ask for a system disk (This system disk is only supplied with the KCS POWER PC BOARD if you specifically ordered the MS-DOS preformatting system). Insert the system disk in A.. After a while, your PC is available for use. The harddisk partition can now be accessed in PC mode, but at this point unprepared and unformatted. Use the PC FDISK¹ command to prepare the partition, then the FORMAT command to format it. Refer to the MS-DOS manual for more information on FDISK and FORMAT.

Some DOS versions (especially in MS-DOS 4) can give an error message when using FDISK. For these versions the FDISK doesn't cooperate with the so-called Bootblock on your (1-mode) PC partition. In this case you must delete the Bootblock in the PC partition. Do this as follows: Go back to step 4 and use HD-SETUP as explained in Step 4.. Now type the combination [Ctrl]-[F5] just before leaving the HD-SETUP program. An extra box 'Kill Bootblock' will appear.

WARNING: All data on the partition that you choose in HD-SETUP will be lost if you use Kill Bootblock. Only use Kill Bootblock for partitions not containing any data you may need.

Click the mouse on Kill Bootblock and only then leave the HD-SETUP program. Now follow Step 5 through again.

¹The name of this programs may vary per DOS version

4. The KCS POWER PC BOARD in the PC mode

4.1 Starting up the PC emulator

Without harddisk

Insert the start-up disk you previously prepared (see § 2.21 in DEP). Now reset the AMIGA or turn on the power. The emulator will start after a few seconds. On screen the message 'Insert system disk' will appear. Remove the start-up disk from the drive. Next insert the PC system disk in the drive (comparable with the AMIGA workbench disk). You only received this system disk if you ordered the MS-DOS operating system separately. After loading the operating system, you can use your PC.

With harddisk

Click the mouse indicator on the 'POWER PC BOARD' icon. The emulator starts within a few seconds. The KCS POWER PC BOARD will start up the PC operating system installed by your harddisk in § 3.3. If the emulator does not start up from harddisk, execute the installation procedure described in § 3.5.

4.2 Changing default settings

There are various ways of changing the settings of a PC. These are extensively described in the MS-DOS manual, and so will not be discussed here. Because of the special configuration of the KCS POWER PC BOARD you have further ways of changing certain settings. These changes can be made at any time, even during the execution of a PC program.

While in PC mode, hit the **Help** key and one of the **AMIGA** keys at the same time. A menu of the settings will appear on the screen. These settings are explained in the next few paragraphs. While you are using this settings menu, the PC is paused in the middle of whatever it was doing when you pressed **Help** and **AMIGA**.

After making the necessary changes to the settings, leave the menu by pressing the **FESC** key. You will return to what you were previously doing. The new settings, changed with the menu, are only current as long as the computer stays in PC mode, and will disappear if the computer is turned off or completely reset, and the PC emulator is restarted. The default settings will then be used again. It is only possible to change these settings permanently with the PC-PREFERENCES program.

F1 Key: Exchanging COM1 and COM2

Using the **F1** key it is possible to switch the logical designation for the serial port. This can be useful in case a specific program demands communication through COM1 or COM2, while the mouse has been installed on that port.

Caution: If a COM port already had been used by a mouse driver or a communication program, then reset the computer using **{F10}** followed by **{ESC}**.

F2 Key: Exchanging designation of disk drives DF0: and DF1

Using an external floppy disk drive makes it possible to exchange the drive designations DF0: and DF1: with help of the **F2** key. The computer has to be reset using **F10**, or the exchange will not take place.

Note: With respect to the PC the exchange is not only a logical but also physical. Prerequisite is that you have an external 40 tracks drive or an external 80 tracks drive configured for 40 tracks and if the **CONFIG.SYS** file contains one of the commands **DEVICE=DRIVER.SYS** or **DRIVERPM**. Refer to your MS-DOS manual.

F3 key: ---

This key has no function.

F4 Key: Fast monochrome mode

With this option you can quickly switch between the standard and faster graphics monochrome mode of the KCS POWER PC BOARD. The faster mode is not 100% compatible with the PC standard and can result in a distorted screen. The fast mode is only available for video modes 15 and 17 (see table in the back of this manual).

F5 Key: Number of colours

With the **F5** key you can now choose between the standard 16 colours EGA or VGA hires modes and the faster 8 or 4 colours EGA or VGA Hires modes. Note that the **F5** key is only applicable to HIRes modes, meaning all colour modes with a resolution of more than 320 horizontal pixels.

F6 Key: Normal harddisk use / harddisk write-protect

Using the **F6** key you can write-protect your PC harddisk. During 'Normal harddisk use' the harddisk operates as a normal PC harddisk. If you switch to 'Harddisk write-protect', no more data can be written to harddisk. (You can compare this with the tab at the corner of a diskette, which is used to switch write-protection on or off). Using this you can prevent PC programs from writing data to harddisk. For example, you can safely try out the latest Public Domain programs without the risk of a virus writing to the harddisk. (We recommend you use a separate virus killer; the PC emulator itself does not check for viruses).

The write-protection is only applicable to the PC partition of your harddisk, and works only in PC mode. If PC software tries to write data to the write-protected harddisk, an error message will follow.

F7 Key: Status line On / Off

The PC-PREFERENCES program allows you to choose whether you want the status line on or off. This setting can be changed by using F7. If you choose to activate the Status line, then the bottom line of the screen will display information like track display of the disk drives and the status of CapsLock, NumLock and Scroll lock. A capital R will appear in the Status line if the emulator is using RAMdisk. An X or an E will appear if the emulator addresses the KCSXMS.SYS driver, or the KCSEMS.SYS driver respectively. (See § 4.3 which explains the KCSXMS.SYS, KCSEMS.SYS and KCSRAM.SYS drivers). Switch the status line off with F7 and the time and date will also disappear.

F8 Time and Date

When you choose to show Time and Date, this information will be displayed at the bottom line of the screen (but only when the status line is enabled).

F9 Key: Buffer drive

This option lets you choose whether to use the driver buffers or not. Disabling the buffers may be necessary for some copy protected programs.

F10 Key: PC hardware reset

When a PC program locks up on you, you can reset the emulator in a number of ways. The first thing you can try is the software reset: press [CTRL], [ALT] and [DEL] at the same time. If this has no effect, go to the *AMIGA-help menu* and press the F10 key followed by [ESC]. The hardware of the KCS POWER PC BOARD will do a complete reset. After every reset, the emulator will reload the PC operating system. Only after this is loaded can you reload the program you were using.

In both cases you need not reload the emulator software of the KCS POWER PC BOARD. The emulator software only needs reloading when you can't even do a hardware RESET (using F10 or above) and you have to reset the AMIGA (by pressing [Ctrl] and the two [AMIGA] keys at the same time). After returning to the AMIGA mode you can restart the emulator. All settings will again be dependent on PC-PREFERENCES.

Colour settings

At the bottom right of the screen three boxes are displayed. A pointer is next to one of them and can be moved with the [up] and [down] keys in the numbered-T at cursor keys. If your AMIGA computer does not have a numeric pad, see § 4.4). These three boxes represent the shades of grey for colours in MGA mode used for the background, normal characters and highlighted characters. The colour of the shade of grey of the indicated box can be altered. This can be done by moving the three horizontal sliders in the menu screen. These sliders can be moved with help of the numeric keys on the numeric pad. (Not the numeric keys on top of your keyboard). The [7] and [8] keys control the red colour slider; the [4] and [6] control the green colour slider, and the [1] and [3] control the blue colour slider.

At the right side top of the screen, the 16 boxed colours display the current VGA palette. You can not change these colour settings; software using VGA mode sets the colour palette itself.

4.3 KCS Utility programs

The PC disk you previously prepared with PC-UTILITIES (t 2.1) during the installation procedure, contains the following utility programs. You can use the various programs at any time in PC mode. These programs are found in the 'KCSUTILS' subdirectory and documentation for each of these programs is available in the 'KCSDOC' subdirectory. Furthermore, most programs will show a brief description of their options, if you run the program but put '?' after the program name (except .SYS programs, which cannot be started directly). The PC-UTILITIES disk also contains an INSTALL program, which must be executed to install the utility programs automatically. (There is also a "KCSDOC" program, which installs the documentation). A description of each of these programs follows.

INSTALL

After starting up this program, a complete view of various utility programs is displayed. With the [Up] and [Down] cursor control keys you can select a certain utility program. After this you can use the [Left] and [Right] and possibly the +/- keys to change the displayed settings. Use [F10] to install, use [ESC] to terminate installation. You can also use the INSTALL program to change the settings of already installed utility programs.

CLOCK

The program CLOCK.CDM reads the time from the hardware clock and passes this time to the PC software clock to use as system time. The PC software will then use the current time and date, but will not recognise the hardware clock. During each PC mode start up, the emulator will automatically pass the time of the hardware clock to the PC software clock. Therefore you only need the CLOCK program if you want to read the hardware clock while working in the PC mode.

KCSLOCK

This program (KCSLOCK.SYS) couples the KCS POWER PC BOARD hardware clock to the PC software clock. The PC software will now work with the correct time and date, and furthermore, the PC software will recognise the hardware clock. The installation program places the extra line 'DEVICE = KCSLOCK.SYS' in the so-called CONFIG.SYS of your PC start up disk. Refer to your MS-DOS manual with regard to using .SYS files. (You only received the MS-DOS manual if you purchased the MS-DOS Operating System separately). The text file KSCLOCK.DOC further explains this program.

KCSMOUSE

Before starting a mouse under PC mode you have to start the program KCSMOUSE.COM, a so-called Mouse-driver. The installation program places this program in AUTOEXEC.BAT. If you are using a PC program that responds directly to the mouse, you will usually have to define the mouse you are using. To do this, you can choose either a two-switch Microsoft Mouse or a Mouse Systems Mouse. The AMIGA mouse will react automatically to the defined mouse. The text file KCSMOUSE.DOC further explains this program.

TURBOVID

This program ITURBOVID.COM is an enhancer for the speed with which the PC screen image is built up. You can compare it with the FASTFONTS program that has a similar effect in the AMIGA mode. TURBOVID is not effective in the graphics mode of your PC, but only in the text modes. Because a TURBOVID task also does the text handling, it is impossible to run it in parallel with other text handling programs like ANSI.SYS. As starting ANSI.SYS first and then running TURBOVID.COM means ANSI.SYS is overruled. But your computer will not 'lock'. The TURBOVID program works in conjunction with the VMODE program. If you wish to use both programs, you must start up TURBOVID first and only then the VMODE program. If you were to turn this sequence around, the function of TURBOVID would be lost. If you are still using the KCSMOUSE program, you must start up the KCSMOUSE program before starting up TURBOVID. Has too the function of TURBOVID is lost if you turn the sequence around. The aforementioned INSTAFF program automatically takes the sequence into account. More information is stored in the text file TURBOVID.DOC.

VMODE

Many PC programs ask the user which graphic card and/or text mode is to be used. Other PC programs may choose a mode independently (such as DOSSETT from MS-DOS 4.0 or 5.0). With the VMODE.COM program you can influence or limit the behaviour of the video emulation. For example, if you use VMODE to switch from VGA to CGA emulation, a PC program can no longer use the VGA mode. Using this you can force PC programs to use a certain mode. The command 'VMODE EGA 8' turns your computer into the 8 colour EGA mode. Valid modes: CGA, MOA, MCA, EGA, EGA-S, VGA, TANDY and PAL. The number of colours can be 4, 8 or 16. Some PC programs check which video card is available directly. Such 'naughty' programs then find a different graphic card than you prefer with VMODE.

VMODE men also be given the following parameters:

FIXER = 0..17	[Measure of how early Fixer is in interactive monochrome MGA/EGA/VGA]
SYNC = on/off	[switches monitor synchronization control on/off]
INTERFACE = on/off	[switches interface on/off]
TINES = even/odd	[displays even and odd lines in interface mode where Fixer Fixer is active]
MONO = on/off	[switches the monochrome EGA/VGA graphic screen]
ZOOM = on/off	[switches the enlarged MDA text mode on/off]

The text file VMODE.DOC explains this program further.

WARMBOOT

The program WARMBOOT.COM has the same function as pressing simultaneously [Ctrl], [Alt] and [Del] keys. By starting up this program you react to the PC.

COLDBOOT

Just as WARMBOOT, this program ICOLDBOOT.COM also reacts. COLDBOOT has the same function as the F10 key in the AMIGA-help menu. WARMBOOT and COLDBOOT are both meant for use in both case.

Extra Memory (XMS, EMS and RAMdisk) in the PC mode

On top of the standard 640 (704) Kbytes memory the PC emulator has a 16 Mbytes (16 Mbytes) of extra memory. It is possible to expand the memory with help the programs KCSXMS.SYS and KCSEMS.SYS. These make it possible to define to the PC software all memory on the KCS POWER PC BOARD and in the AMIGA. In the PC you then have extra memory besides the standard 640 (704) kilobytes. To do this, you have to add the line 'DEVICE=KCSXMS.SYS|EMS' to your system disk in the CONFIG.SYS, followed by 'DEVICE=KCSEMS.SYS|SIZE=XXX'. Adding 'EMS' takes care that KCSXMS.SYS leaves a special part of RAM memory free for the KCSEMS.SYS driver, to be activated a little later. Without this addition, KCSEMS.SYS can not work. Adding 'SIZE=' displays the number of kilobytes reserved as EXPANDED memory. If you do not add the size parameter, the EMS driver will default all the extra memory and leave nothing for a RAMdisk. The extra memory does not work as work memory, but for storing data by PC software. This extra memory is automatically used by certain PC software first for your PC software package manual.

In § 6.3 you will find a full technical description about how PC memory works. However, you need not study this for good operation of your KCS POWER PC BOARD.

Example.
If you are using MS-DOS version 5.0, for example, the following lines could be in your CONFIG.SYS:

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DOS = UMMS                -define Upper Memory Blocks
DEVICE=C:\KCSUTILS\KCSXMS.SYS\EMS -reserves Upper Memory Blocks
DEVICEHIGH=C:\KCSUTILS\KCSEMS.SYS -activates EXPANDED Memory
DEVICEHIGH=C:\.....       -enables possible devices that you wish to
                             use, e.g. COUNT4V.SYS
```

To activate a rapid-fast RAMdisk, you can use the program KCSRAM.SYS. This file must also be defined in the CONFIG.SYS of your PC start up disk. KCSRAM.SYS searches for all memory in the AMIGA that has not already been used by KCSEMS.SYS or other drivers. This free RAM memory is then used as RAMdisk. The RAMdisk is automatically designated a letter (e.g. D:) depending on the number of connected disk drives and the MS-DOS version in use. We refer you to the MS-DOS manual for further details on CONFIG.SYS.

If the Status line is on (see § 2), if you will see the letter R flashing on the right side bottom of the screen as soon as the RC addresses the RAMdisk. Also, an X or an E will flash when the PC responds to KCSXMS.SYS or KCSEMS.SYS respectively.

4.4 Special Key Combinations

During emulation on an RC you can use the following key combinations. [A-F] means the AMIGA key on the left side or the right side of the space bar, combined with the F1 key!

Type Function

A-F1 F11 (see MS-DOS manual)

A-F2 F12 (see MS-DOS manual)

A-P Pause on/off This pause key stops/restarts the operation of the MS-DOS computer.

A-V Video information on/off. In the status line a number is displayed showing which video emulator the emulator is currently using. You will find a display of the video modes and numbers in the technical information at the back of the manual.

A-S Sync. (video) on/off. With Sync. disabled, RC doesn't synchronize the screen output. Sometimes it could cause display on screen, but some programs don't handle it.

A-F Fast format on/off. [A-F] is displayed in the status line if fast format is active. This option switches the verify off. Because of this formatting diskettes is faster, but not checked for errors. Therefore we advise you to use this option only for diskettes that have been found error-free beforehand.

The following key combinations can be made by pressing the AMIGA key and one of the keys of the numeric pad simultaneously. If you do not have a numeric pad, read the description of A-ALT.

On all AMIGA models

A-ALT Screen Numeric Pad

By pressing the [AMIGA] and the [ALT] key simultaneously, you summon a special screen. (It is of no difference whether you use the [AMIGA] and [ALT] key to the right or to the left of the keyboard). If you press the [AMIGA] and [ALT] keys briefly, the special screen will stay displayed. If you press the key combination longer, the special screen will disappear when you release the keys. This is useful if you, for example, wish to press the F5 key in the RC mode.

The special screen displays a numeric keypad. You can click the key on the numeric pad with the mouse. This allows you to use the key combinations mentioned for an AMIGA 600 as well (while the AMIGA 600 does not have a numeric pad on the keyboard). So, for example, you press the [AMIGA] key, while clicking the 8 on the special screen with the mouse. You have now activated the A-8 combination which is described further on. The special screen operates like a standard AMIGA window. You can move it with the mouse and end it with the CLOSE gadget (top left). You can also end the screen by pressing [AMIGA]-[ALT] again.



The keys on the numeric pad

Calc: Switch to calculator screen
T: Switch background grey/clear
NL: (NumLock) key
SL: (ScrollLock) key
HMT: (Home) key
PU: (PageUp) key
EN: (End) key
PD: (PageDown) key
Ins: (Insert) key
DEL: (Delete) key
Enter: (Enter) key

A-ALT: Summon Calculator

With this key combination you activate the special screen as described above. However, the special screen also has an additional function. If you click the mouse on the CALC symbol, the screen is changed into a calculator. You can enter numbers and calculate with the mouse. By clicking the mouse on the calculator display, you copy the number on that line to the keyboard buffer. The PC program that you are currently using will read the buffer. By using this, you can transfer the result of a calculation to a word processor running in the PC mode at that moment.



The keys on the calculator screen

Calc: Switch to numeric screen
T: Switch background grey/clear
M+: Add result to memory
M-: Subtract result from memory
MR: Call up memory
C/CE: Clicking once: delete text screen
Clicking twice: set display to 0
1/x: Change displayed sign
1/y: Divide
*: Multiply
/: Subtract
+: Add
Enter: Calculate result

The calculator operates as a standard AMIGA window. You can move it with the mouse and end it with the CLOSE gadget (top left). (You can also end the screen by pressing [AMIGA+ALT] again). By pressing CALC again, the special screen changes back to numeric pad as described above.

Only in monochrome text mode

- A-8: Enlarge text screen
- A-2: Normal text screen
- A-4: Display left side of the text screen
- A-6: Display right side of the text screen

Only in EGA and VGA Hi-Res colour mode

- A-3: Activate software Flicker Fixer, at the expense of the resolution
- A-5: Deactivate software Flicker Fixer, in favour of resolution
- A-7: Exchange the active image lines in the lower resolution after A-3. This may give a better resolution.

Only in MCGA mode: t8

- A-X: Switches between the three MCGA displays. Possible settings: - emulation in 32 colours; - emulation in 32 green shades; - emulation in 16 grey shades. These exchanges do not work on AMIGA computers without extra memory (beside the memory on the KCE POWER PC BOARD).

Only in the graphic Hi-Res monochrome mode

- A-3: Activate software Flicker Fixer step by step, at the expense of resolution
- A-5: Deactivate software Flicker Fixer step by step, in favour of resolution
- A-7: Switching between the normal and the inverted displays of a monochrome graphic screen

Only for the AMIGA 500, 500 plus and 800

- A-+ : Delaying step by step the speed of the computer, eg. useful when texts scroll too quickly
- A-+ : Decrease delay step by step
- A-* : Switching between 100% speed and 20% speed

5. Miscellaneous

5.1 Fast Memory / 32 bit RAM

Using Fast Memory (memory expansion) or 32 bit RAM (on a TUPBOBOARD), accelerates I/O (Input/Output) and the video emulation. For example, if you have installed extra memory on your hard disk, image refreshing is done considerably faster. (Sometimes even faster than on a 'real' PC-AT). If you really want to get the most out of your AMIGA and the KCS POWER PC BOARD, then use extra Fast RAM. After connecting extra memory to your AMIGA, re-install the emulator with INSTALL. The PC emulator automatically uses all the extra memory, if available, and offers the following advantages:

- Screen control will accelerate. Furthermore, the MCGA graphic mode 19 can be displayed in colour instead of grey shades.
- Emulation of SOUNDBLASTER card possible.
- Handling floppy disks will be quicker because the Cache memory of the disk drive is automatically larger.
- In the PC mode the extra memory is available as RAMdisk and/or EXPANDED memory according to the LIM standard (LotusInt'l/Microsoft), by using KCSEMS SYS and KCSRAM SYS. How you should use EXPANDED memory depends on the PC software you are using. Refer to the manual of the software you are using.

5.2 Changing batteries

The following is not applicable to the AMIGA 500+, as the KCS POWER PC BOARD does not contain a battery for that computer type. Theoretically the life of the batteries required the hardware clock is 5 to 12 years. After this period, or sooner if the battery is empty, it has to be replaced. The battery ensures that a number of important settings for the KCS POWER PC BOARD are stored, even after switching off your AMIGA. Without the battery, or with an empty battery, the KCS POWER PC BOARD will not function. But also if the battery is short-circuited or removed briefly, the KCS POWER PC BOARD will no longer function, as the here-mentioned settings will be lost. After installing a new battery the KCS POWER PC BOARD will still not function. First the settings must be transferred again to the KCS POWER PC BOARD.

If you suspect the battery is empty, follow the procedure for installing the clock, as written in 3.2, where a number of settings are saved to the KCS POWER PC BOARD. If after that, the clock on the KCS POWER PC BOARD still is not working, then it is possible that the battery is empty and needs replacing. In this case, connect your dealer or KCS.

5.3 Tips

PC versus AMIGA

AMIGA computers are recognized as a user-friendly computers with first-rate graphics and sound quality. PCs are recognized as work computers, for which is a lot of business software available. Many things which are taken for granted on an AMIGA, like the use of stereo sound, simply do not work on a PC. To make use of graphic and sound possibilities on a PC, special expansion cards will have to be connected. The KCS POWER PC BOARD emulates some of these hardware expansions. Even so, you will undoubtedly encounter software that does not make use of this. For example, it is possible that, for a certain PC program, a mouse-pointer is not shown.

Modem use

If you have a modem connected to your AMIGA serial port, you can use this modem in the PC mode, using the PC communication software intended for this purpose. When you are going to 'download' a file, it is handy to ensure that the software used writes the file to harddisk or RAMdisk, instead of diskdrive. A diskdrive functions relatively slowly in comparison to harddisk or RAMdisk. Downloading could operate unnecessarily slow and furthermore, errors could appear.

Numeric pad / calculator in MCGA mode 19

The video mode 19 (MCGA mode) uses 32 colours, 32 green shades or 16 grey shades. When you call up the special numeric pad / calculator screen in this mode, it is possible that the screen is not totally visible. If you exchange from 32 colours (or green shades) to 16 grey shades using [4]-X, the special screen is visible again.

Monochrome is faster

The text modes of the KCS POWER PC BOARD operate extremely fast, even in 16 colours. But for some PC programs it can't operate fast enough. In this case, you can exchange the VMODE to a monochrome text mode. The monochrome text mode always works faster than colour text modes. This can be useful when using a modem that sends text to the screen with an extremely high speed more than 18200 baud.

POWER PC BOARD HELPLINE: 091-490 02 02

YOU MAY CONTACT THE KCS HELPLINE FOR PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE KCS POWER PC BOARD, FOR WHICH THE MANUAL OFFERS NO SOLUTION

For queries concerning the use of PC software, we refer you to the manual of the program in question. The KCS helpline is only meant for problems concerning the KCS POWER PC BOARD and the emulation software supplied with it.

If you use the helpline, make sure that you are aware of the information KCS will need to help you effectively.

- Before you call, write down which version number of the KCS POWER PC BOARD software you are using. You can find this number by starting up your AMIGA with the original WorkBench from Commodore; after that, insert the original diskette of the KCS POWER PC BOARD in a disk drive. The icon of this diskette will appear on the screen, with the name/version number underneath. Write this name/version number down precisely.
- Also write down which AMIGA model you have
- Make a list, for yourself and for us, of which hardware and software you use on your AMIGA.
- Make sure you know which version of which PC program is causing problems
- If possible, write down the error messages exactly as you see them on screen.
- Note all further information that has anything to do with the problem.

If you have this information in front of you, while calling KCS, we will be able to deal with your problem efficiently and quickly. If you would prefer to write to us, you are welcome, of course. Send your correspondence to:

Bitcom Devices Ltd.
58 Bewick Road,
Gateshead,
Tyne & Wear
NE8 1RS
England

6. Technical Reference

6.1 General

Processor: NEC V30 running at almost 11 Mhz.

Memory: 1 MB RAM available in both the AMIGA and the PC mode. Extra memory in the AMIGA is available under the PC mode as RAMdisk and/or EXPANDED MEMORY

RS232: Supporting the serial port of the AMIGA as a PC COM port. While testing communication programs, speeds of 38.400 baud were reached on a standard AMIGA 500. When using a TURBOBOARD, the maximum speed can be even higher. However, in all cases the maximum baud rate will depend on the modem and software used.

Mouses: Standard AMIGA mouse is used as a two-button Mouse Systems and Microsoft compatible mouse in the PC mode.

Joysticks: The AMIGA joystick can be used in the PC mode as digital PC joystick.

Drives: 4 standard AMIGA disk drives operate as PC disk drives. The emulator supports both 3.5 inch and 5.25 inch drives. Disk cache memory and track display available as standard.

Hard disk: Most well-known AMIGA harddisk controllers are supported, therefore almost any AMIGA harddisk can be used with the KCS POWER PC BOARD. Other controllers supported harddisk types can be used fully or partially as PC harddisks.

Various PC emulator settings can be adjusted during PC mode operation. In the PC mode the emulator also supports a Freeze key.

6.2 Graphic support

The PC recognises a large number of screen formats and the control hardware is usually located on a separate card. With the KCS POWER PC BOARD, your AMIGA, together with the emulation software generates a certain screen format. This gives you a software Flicker Fixer at your disposal. At this moment version 4.50 supports the following screen formats:

CGA Colour Graphics Adapter. Both the original CGA mode and the CGA mode as part of the VGA support are available. Resolution is 320x200 in 4 colours, or 640x200 in 2 colours. Text modes 40x25 and 80x25 in 16 colours. Total colour palette: 16 colours

MCA Monochrome Graphics Adapter, text and graphics compatible with the HERCULES card, also called HGC (Hercules Graphics Card). This is a monochrome screen with a resolution of 720x345 in two colours.

MDA Monochrome Display Adapter: Text only in two colours.

Tandy 1000 & PC-Junior These two graphic emulations are exactly the same. Resolutions of 130x200, 320x200 and 640x200 in 16 colours. Not all software packages support the Tandy 1000 (PCjr) modes. Total palette: 16 colours.

EGA Enhanced Graphics Adapter. Resolution is 640x350 maximum in at most 16 colours. Total palette: 64 colours.

EGA-S Super Enhanced Graphics Adapter. Resolution is 640x480 maximum in two colours (or resolutions up to 640x350 in 16 colours). Total palette: 64 colours.

VGA Video Graphics Array. Resolution is 640x480 maximum in 16 colours. Total palette: 4096 colours.

MCGA Multi Colour Graphics Array. Resolution of 320x200 in 32 colours (16 grey shades on an AMIGA without extra memory). Total palette: 4096 colours.

Video modes and matching status line numbers

Mode	Type	Resolution	Colours	Mode is supported by						
				MSA	CGA	MCGA	TANDY/PCjr	EGA	EGA-S	VGA
00	Text	40 col.	16		■	■	■	■	■	■
01	Text	40 col.	16		■	■	■	■	■	■
02	Text	80 col.	16		■	■	■	■	■	■
03	Text	80 col.	16		■	■	■	■	■	■
04	Graphic	320x200	4		■	■	■	■	■	■
05	Graphic	320x200	4		■	■	■	■	■	■
06	Graphic	640x200	2		■	■	■	■	■	■
07	Graphic Text	720x348 80 col.	2 2	■						
08	Graphic	160x200	16							
09	Graphic	320x200	16				■			
10	Graphic	640x200	4							
11	This mode is internally reserved by the video card									
12	This mode is internally reserved by the video card									
13	Graphic	220x200	16					■	■	■
14	Graphic	640x200	16					■	■	■
15	Graphic	640x350	2					■	■	■
16	Graphic	640x350	16					■	■	■
17	Graphic	640x480	2		■				■	■
18	Graphic	640x480	16						■	■
19	Graphic	320x200	256			■				

Remark 1: Modes with a vertical resolution of more than 200 pixels are displayed in the interlaced mode of the AMIGA.

Remark 2: The PCjr and TANDY (mode 09) and MCGA (mode 19) are especially recommended for games, because of the perfect relation between screen quality and speed.

Remark 3: In the EGA modes text is displayed in maximum 80 columns by 43 lines (in VGA modes 80 columns by 50 lines). These special text modes can only be used by MS-DOS programs that support them.

Remark 4: Mode 18 is emulated in maximum 32 colours (or 16 grey shades on an AMIGA without extra memory).

6.3 The PC memory

The KCS POWER PC BOARD offers a working memory of 640 kilobyte RAM, just as a standard PC. IfEGA or VGA emulation is not used (in the PC-PREFERENCES program) the maximum work memory is 704 kilobyte. A number of PC programs need more memory than this and can utilize extra memory. This extra memory does not serve as program memory, but as storage of program data. To do this a utility program must be started up to activate the extra memory. Then PC programs can address the extra memory. For that matter, PC programs that were not designed to work with extra memory will only use standard work memory.

There are different sorts of extra memory, which can be used concurrently. The current standard is as follows:

- A PC can address a maximum of 1 megabyte RAM memory directly. Of this memory, 640 (or 704) kilobyte is reserved as work memory. You can use 192 kilobyte from the remaining 384 kilobyte in the PC mode as extra memory. This extra memory is called the UMB (Upper Memory Blocks).
- To be able to use more than the 1 megabyte RAM memory a number of firms have agreed on a certain method, the so-called LIM standard (LOTUS, INTEL, MICROSOFT). Many megabyte of memory can be enlisted using this standard. This extra memory is called EXPANDED Memory, shortened to EMS.
- With the arrival of new computer models, a new standard was introduced: the EXTENDED memory, shortened to XMS. Just as the EMS standard, this standard makes using many megabyte of extra memory possible. However, the XMS standard also allows the use of the afore-mentioned Upper Memory Blocks.

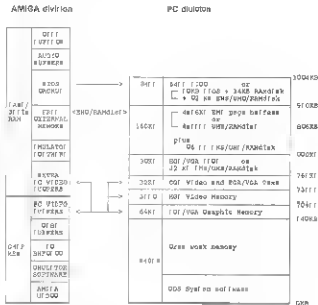
The KCS POWER PC BOARD contains 1 megabyte RAM memory. The Fastmem memory that was already in your AMIGA computer, serves as extra memory in the PC mode. The emulation software supports the standards mentioned above. The memory division will then be as follows:

- Standard work memory of 640 (or 704) kilobyte
- Usage of upper memory blocks (via the help program KCSXMS.SYS, by the XMS standard).
- Usage of extra memory (via the help program KCSEMS.SYS), by the EMS standard.
- Availability of a crash-proof RAM disk (via the help program KCSRAM.SYS)

The designers of PC-software have thought up a method to keep as much of the standard work memory free as possible. This can be useful in relation to PC programs which don't use extra memory. This method is called 'HighLoading'. Certain parts of the PC Operating system are then moved from the work memory to the extra memory. How this works exactly differs per DOS version. Therefore, we refer you to your MS-DOS manual.

The memory division in PC mode

The figure below displays how the memory is divided while working in the PC mode.



The Amiga memory that is available as a diskbuffer, EMS or RAMdisk is mentioned in the blue BIOS-configuration screen as EXTERNAL. This memory (as far as it is not used as a Diskbuffer) can be used, using the PC-Utiliner KCSMS.SYS. At the same time, you can use this memory as crash-proof PC-RAMdisk, using the PC-Utility KCSRAM.SYS.

If the VGA emulation is switched off in the PC-Preferences program, the 64KB EGA/VGA Graphic Memory is available as 'Free work memory', so that a total of 704 KB 'Free memory' is reached. The 52KB EGA/VGA BIOS is also cancelled, which means this memory is additionally available as UMB, Expanded Memory or RAMdisk.

Vocabulary

Operating system	Software that controls the working of the computer and the usage of external equipment such as diskdrive and I/O ports. For PCs the Operating system is usually MS-DOS.
BIOS	Basic Input Output System. The BIOS takes care of addressing standard I/O equipment such as keyboard, diskdrive controller, video cards, etc. the control of such equipment is therefore left to the BIOS by DOS and by PC software.
Device Driver	A Device Driver is a program that takes over the addressing to a device. Namely for equipment that is not already controlled by BIOS. For example, a mouse-driver, a RAAdisk-driver or an EMS-driver.
DOS	Disk Operating System. The controlling software that makes use of the computer as a system possible. An IBM compatible computer like the KCS POWER PC BOARD can not run programs without DOS. DOS must be loaded from diskette or harddisk every time the KCS POWER PC BOARD is started up. The most well-known DOS version is MS-DOS from Microsoft.
EMS/ Expanded Memory	Expanded Memory Specification. This Device Driver takes over controlling Expanded Memory. That is memory above the 1 megabyte limit. The KCS POWER PC BOARD can address memory above 1 megabyte as Expanded Memory via a special EMS driver. This Device Driver generally operates according to the LIM 1.0/2.0, INTEL, MICROSOFT standard.
EMULATOR	A combination of special programming techniques and special machine characteristics, by which a certain computer system can execute programs, written for a different system.
TSR	Terminate Stay Resident. TSR programs are loaded in the memory and are present from that moment on 'hidden' in the computer memory. Also named resident programs. Once loaded, a TSR program can execute actions from the memory, while the user continues working.

UMB

Upper Memory Blocks. Blocks of memory, each 16 kilobytes. These blocks are situated in the memory area 'above' the normal work memory, but 'under' the 1 megabyte limit. These memory blocks are controlled by an XMS Device Driver. Some DOS versions and TSR programs can utilize this memory.

XMS/ Extended Memory

extended Memory Specification. An XMS Device Driver takes care of the operation of Extended Memory and UMB memory. Only suitable for processors of the type 80286, 80386, 80486, etcetera. As the KCS POWER PC BOARD does not have such a processor, it can not control Extended Memory. However, the special XCSXMS.SYS Device Driver does take care of using UMB memory under the 1 megabyte limit.

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